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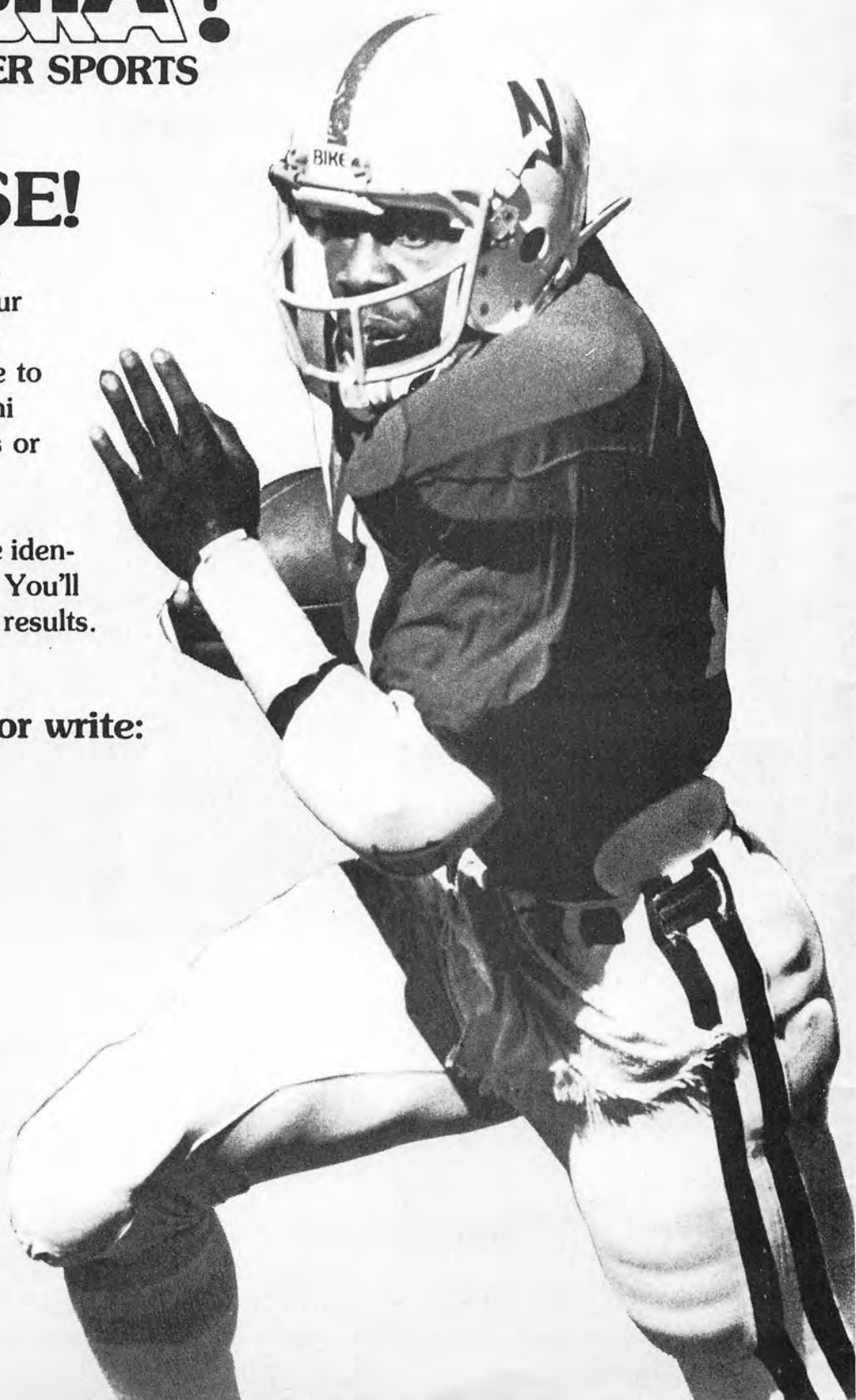
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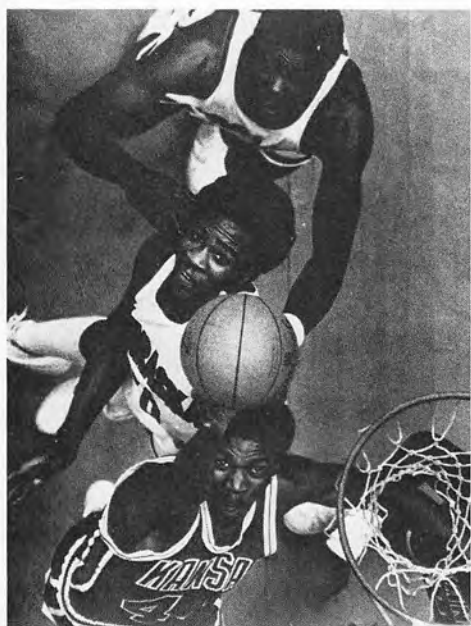
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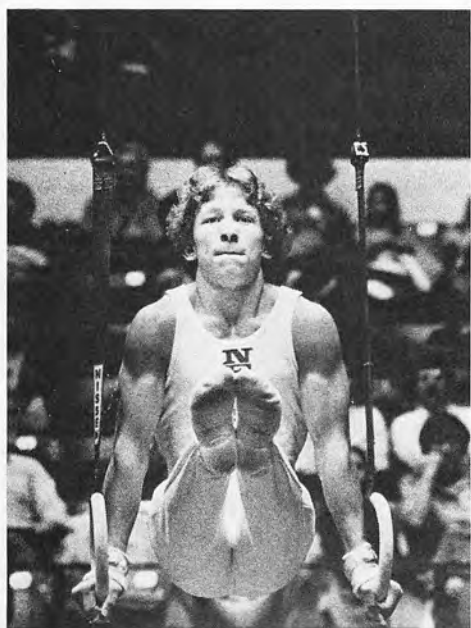
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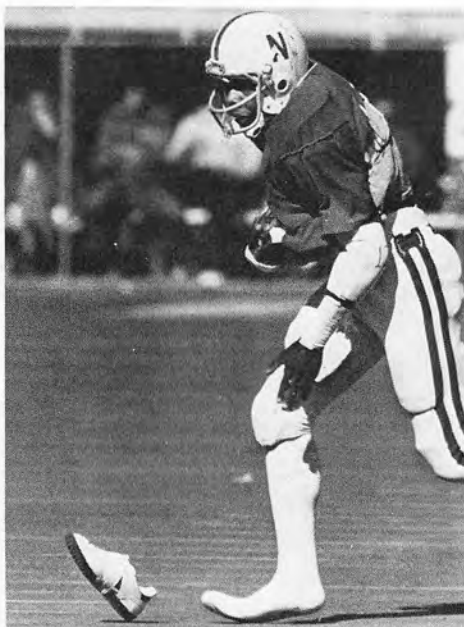
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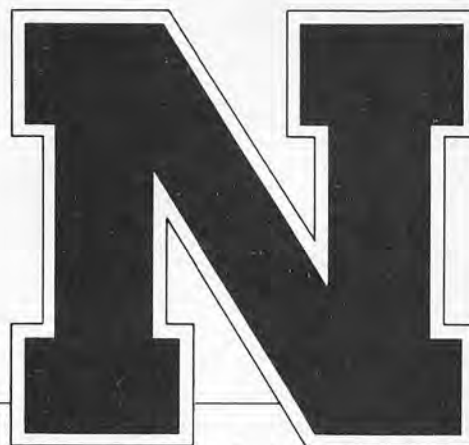
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HOUSTON PLUCKS HUSKERS 17-14

Tip of a Flip



by Charlie Smith

A deflected football can do many things. It can drop with a thud. It can carom in any direction. It can bounce high in the air. Or it can plop directly into someone's hands.

The latter is exactly what happened on Houston's final chance January 1 in the 44th Cotton Bowl Classic. Terry Elston's pass hit Ric Lindquist's hand or arm and plopped gently into Eric Herring's waiting paws.

The six-yard touchdown pass occurred with 12 seconds remaining and pushed the Cougars to a 17-14 victory over a Nebraska team which had come from behind once itself.

The Cotton Bowl loss was more frustrating than disheartening to the Cornhuskers. It was nothing like the loss — incidentally, by the same score — that finished the regular season at Oklahoma.

No, the Oklahoma loss was cause for self-examination. But the Houston loss was more a matter of one bounce. That Herring caught the winning pass is a testimonial to his concentration. But it did not say much about the bruising physical battle that had dominated the sun-splashed first day of the 1980s.

Nebraska was embarrassed by being physically dominated at Oklahoma. But not about the bounce of a pass in Dallas.

As Tom Osborne said within minutes of the final tick of the clock, "I don't think, effort-wise, we could have done much better."

There was plenty of action packed into the final quarter. The Huskers and Cougars sailed into the final 15 minutes locked in a 7-7 tie and, for awhile, it looked like the Cotton Bowl might be headed for its first tie since the infamous 0-0 finish between TCU and Air Force in 1959.

But Houston's Kenny Hatfield pretty much ended those thoughts with 8:25 remaining when he kicked a 41-yard field goal. The three-pointer just cleared the

crossbar, but it counted just as much as if it had sailed over the Republic National Bank sign on the scoreboard.

And from that point to the end, the game was on.

The Cotton Bowl sold 72,032 tickets, but 8,015 failed to show up on an almost balmy afternoon. The temperature was 53 degrees at the kickoff, but reached 63 later in the day.

Nebraska's big break came with 6:06 remaining. That's when John Newhouse, cousin of the Dallas Cowboys' Robert, banged into the line at the Houston 31. Derrie Nelson stripped him of the football and Bill Barnett snatched it away.

Jeff Quinn quickly passed eight yards to Kenny Brown, then caught a throwback

from Jarvis Redwine for a 13-yard gain to the 10.

On third down from the six, Nebraska employed the old swinging-gate play — all but one lining up on the other side of the field. Quinn was the snapper. He threw the ball back to Redwine, who loped into the end zone for an apparent touchdown.

Not so, said the officials. They ruled Quinn had not scooped the ball to Redwine in one "continuous motion." Instead, ruled the officials, Quinn had picked up the ball and flipped it to Redwine.

Osborne called referee Robert Aillet to the sideline for an explanation. Except for the next play, the officials' decision might have been a source of controversy until next fall.



The Cotton Bowl was a game of near misses for Nebraska. On this play, near the end of the first half, Houston's Elvis Bradley (20) tips a deep sideline pass away from NU's Tim Smith (84).

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Houston also was judged offsides on the play, so Nebraska faced another third-down effort from the six.

This time Quinn found tight end Jeff Finn romping alone in the end zone and nailed him for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:56 remaining. Dean Sukup, who missed a 23-yard field goal in the first quarter, knocked home the extra point for a 14-10 Nebraska lead.

"Jeff was supposed to be a decoy across the middle," said Quinn. "He was not even in the pattern."

The play was designed to go to Junior Miller first and, if not him, to Tim Smith second.

"There were a lot of people on Junior," Quinn said. "And I noticed Tim wasn't in that good a shape either. When I saw Finn running alone, I couldn't believe it."

Hatfield was the nearest Cougar to Finn, and he was at least five yards away when the 239-pound junior caught the pass.

"I wasn't really the primary receiver," admitted Finn. "I was just going against the grain. I was supposed to clear 'em out for Junior."

And then came Houston's winning drive. It was not something new to the Cougars. They had come from behind in the second half seven times to win earlier games.

Terry Elston, named the outstanding offensive player on 29 of 32 ballots, had entered the game on Houston's fourth possession, which was early in the second quarter. And the 6-3, 210-pound junior was equal to the task this time, too.

Herring was the target of three passes for 10, 15 and 11 yards in the drive. And Newhouse popped loose for a 10-yard gain on a straight handoff.

Herring caught the 11-yarder for a first down at the Nebraska nine with 48 seconds left. At that point, Elston kept for four yards and Houston called its last timeout 33 seconds from the end. And then Elston ran out of bounds for a one-yard loss with 24 seconds remaining.

On third down, Elston's rollout pass to Lonell Phea fell short in the end zone.

There were 19 seconds left when Elston took the snap for the fourth-down play. Houston coach Bill Yeoman later admitted he didn't even know it was fourth down.

All-Big Eight defensive tackle Rod Horn (55) enjoyed one of his finest games and presents Terry Elston a high wall to climb on this play.

Ted Kirk photo

"No, I didn't," said Yeoman. "The downs got away from me. It didn't make any difference, though. That was as good a play as any."

Elston's pass headed straight over the middle and into a crowd that included Huskers Lindquist, Mark LeRoy and Russell Gary. Unfortunately for Nebraska, Herring also focused on the football.

There were conflicting reports in the dressing rooms. No one seemed sure how the football was deflected.

"I know I hit it," said Lindquist, a 175-pound sophomore from Plattsmouth, Nebraska. "I could feel the ball. I thought I had knocked it down. Then I saw that he had caught it."

"I think I hit it with my hand."

LeRoy also thought Lindquist hit the football with his hand or arm.



The Huskers had plenty of trouble containing Cougars' quarterback Terry Elston, sprinting for another sizeable gain between Derrie Nelson (92) and Tom Vering (47).

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"The ball bounced off Ric's hands," said Mark. "I was close to it. Ric made a nice effort. It just so happens the ball bounced wrong."

"I was back there in the area, too," said Gary. "But I don't know what hit the ball. I just know that when I saw the guy catch it, I couldn't believe it. At that instant, it seemed like we'd blown all our hard work for the whole season."

Herring, however, thought the ball might have sailed under Lindquist's outstretched arm. Osborne thought the ball might have hit Lindquist in the back or on the shoulder pads. Television replays and films were inconclusive.

"If the guy (Lindquist) said he hit it, it would seem to me he hit it," said Yeoman. "He would know."

Elston finished the game with 9 completions in 16 attempts for 119 yards and he ran for 87 more on 22 carries.

Jarvis Redwine appeared healthy for the first time since the Missouri game, but was contained for 58 yards on 17 carries. Andra Franklin carried 12 times for 40 more yards. In all, Nebraska gained only 136 yards on the ground, a less than effective outing for a team that finished third in the nation in rushing offense.

All-America tight end Junior Miller was virtually no factor, either, catching two passes for 26 yards.

Houston defensive coordinator Don Todd had said before the game, "Junior is just awesome, the things he can do. Really, it boils down to how much he gets the ball. If he gets the ball enough, he'll do some damage."

Quinn missed Miller a couple of times, once in particular when the tight end was one giant stride behind everyone and the pass was short and intercepted. But Miller also dropped a couple of catchable throws.

"The guy just blots out the sun on one side of the field," said Todd.

Nebraska blew an early opportunity when Clark fumbled on the first play of the game and L. C. Cole recovered at the Cougars' 25.

The Huskers advanced to the six, but Sukup's 23-yard field goal just barely missed over the right upright.

"I thought I had made it," said Dean. "The official thought I didn't. It was just one of those things."

Nebraska put together a picture-book 85-yard drive on its second posses-

sion. Redwine carried six times in the 14-play march, gaining 37 yards. Quinn also hit four passes. From the nine, Redwine clutched a pitch-left and danced into the end zone untouched.

Houston stampeded 70 yards in six plays for the tying touchdown with 12:17 left in the second quarter. That was Elston's first appearance and Nebraska responded with an abundance of missed tackles when the slithery quarterback elected to keep on the option. Elston also completed a 27-yard pass to Phea in the drive. The quarterback scored on a keeper-left from the eight and Hatfield's kick tied the score at 7.

After Nebraska's first touchdown, the Huskers were strangely quiet on offense until Barnett's fumble recovery with a little more than six minutes left in the game.

Nebraska, finishing with a 10-2 record to Houston's 11-1, did not make a first down in the third quarter and made only four in the 45 playing minutes between touchdowns.

Osborne used fifth-year senior Tim Hager at quarterback on three series at the start of the second half. Hager started Nebraska possessions at the Huskers' 22, 12 and 6-yard lines. After Dave Liegl broke a 44-yard punt return to the Houston 48, though, Quinn returned at quarterback and played to the end.

Osborne was complimentary toward the Cougars, just as Yeoman was to the Huskers.

"Houston, by a pretty far measure, was the best defensive team we played this year," said Osborne. "We didn't move the ball for the better part of a half and that was very disappointing to me. We were very poor on third-down-and-one or two. Houston didn't fool us. For the most part, they just beat somebody on every occasion."

As for the final touchdown — and the possibility that some luck was involved — Osborne said, "Seven points is seven points. The real credit is that Houston got into position to score. They took the ball when they had to and drove it down the field."

There could be little doubt, though, that the Cotton Bowl loss would not be fretted upon very long. It was a bit frustrating, but the Cornhuskers' bitterness was left in Norman.

"No, this isn't like that," admitted cornerback Andy Means. "This is a little easier to take." **N**



Jeff Quinn could have been the hero of the game, but for Houston's final drive. Quinn, left, prepares for a hit from Donnie Love. At right, the junior quarterback hands off to Junior Miller on an end-around that gained only one yard.

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NU's Andra Franklin finds a plugged-up hole in the forms of Donnie Love (20), Grady Turner (40) and Sam Proctor (80). At right, Houston's Bill Yeoman confers with Elston during the Cougars' final timeout with 33 seconds left. Elston threw an incomplete pass before the fourth-down touchdown aerial.

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The Cotton-Pickin' Numbers

GAME IN FIGURES

	NU	Houston
First downs	13	18
Rushes-yards	41-136	61-206
Passing yards	91	119
Return yards	58	20
Passes	11-22-1	9-19-0
Punts	10-41	7-42
Fumbles-lost	1-1	7-3
Penalties-yards	7-90	2-22

SCORING SUMMARY

NU	7	0	0	7	—	14
Houston	0	7	0	10	—	17

NU — Redwine 9 run (Sukup kick).
 Hou — Elston 8 run (Hatfield kick).
 Hou — FG Hatfield 41.
 NU — Finn 6 pass from Quinn (Sukup kick).
 Hou — Herring 6 pass from Elston (Hatfield kick).
 A — 72,032.

Redwine
 Franklin
 Hipp
 Quinn
 Brown
 Miller
 Steels
 Hager
 Johnson

Quinn
 Redwine
 Miller
 Hager

Brown
 Miller
 Quinn
 Smith
 Finn
 Redwine

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Nebraska

Rushing

TC	Yds.	Long
17	58	9
12	40	8
3	8	6
3	7	4
1	3	3
1	1	1
1	0	0
1	5	5
2	14	14

Passing

Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.
19-10-1	78
1-1-0	13
1-0-0	0
1-0-0	0

Receiving

No.	Yds.	Long
5	30	9
2	26	14
1	13	13
1	10	10
1	6	6
1	6	6

Clark
 Newhouse
 Brown
 Elston

Elston
 Brown

Herring
 Phea
 Miller
 Clark

Houston

Rushing

TC	Yds.	Long
19	44	8
14	61	10
6	14	9
22	87	9

Passing

Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.
16-9-0	119
3-0-0	0

Receiving

No.	Yds.	Long
5	51	15
2	47	27
1	18	18
1	3	3



MIKE NADERER

The Desert Dribbler

by Charlie Smith

There's not a great migration from Arizona to Nebraska in December. If anything, travel will be in the opposite direction. But Mike Naderer had a couple of Arizona apartment guests for 10 days in early December — and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Naderer's parents, George and Pat Naderer, were the visitors. They came to watch Mike play college basketball for the first time. They saw four games in Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"And I got some good meals out of the deal," beams Mike.

Naderer had no idea he would go to college in Nebraska until near the end of his senior year in high school at Arcadia High in Scottsdale, Arizona.

He was an All-State player and Player of the Year in Arizona his senior season. But college coaches weren't exactly banging his door down. That's because Naderer is a 6-foot guard. And 6-foot guards, even if they are great shooters, are less than a dime a dozen. You can find at least two on every street corner. Or, in Naderer's case, behind every sand dune.

Arizona and Arizona State turned their noses in the air at the home-grown product.

"Both of them had plenty of guards," recalls Mike. "They were looking for forwards and big guards. They weren't overlooking me. I just didn't fit into their plans."

Naderer did visit Michigan State and he had a firm offer from Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

So how did he get to Nebraska? Well, Joe Cipriano saw him at a couple of all-star post-season all-star basketball games, first in Phoenix and again in Albuquerque.

"He was a scrawny looking little old kid," says Cipriano. "But when I saw him in Phoenix, he was shooting and scoring. We needed guards."

"He worked hard. He came from a well-coached program. After a day or two, it was evident he was a very dedicated kid. He did a lot of running and extra work to keep himself in shape."

Naderer visited Nebraska after the Albuquerque game and soon made his decision.

"The new building really had a lot to do with me coming here," says Mike, who was a freshman in the second year of the Devaney Sports Center's existence. "The first thing I thought of when I saw it was what it would be like filled."

And how did his parents and friends feel about him going to school in the midwest?

"My folks left the decision totally up to me," says Mike. "I'm sure they would have liked for me to stay where they could see me play. But they left it up to me to do the right thing."

Naderer is sure he did. But the first winter in Lincoln is not something he remembers with relish.

Mike set the Nebraska freshman field goal percentage record, something that usually is reserved for inside shotmakers. He made 63 of 112 shots for 56.3 percent.

Mike managed to stay out of the cold better last winter and, as a result, stayed healthy and started 24 of Nebraska's 27 games. He averaged 6.0 points and finished sixth in assists in Big Eight Conference games. Naderer played 768 minutes, fourth high on the team.

Naderer, of course, is a mainstay on this year's team. He and Andre Smith were the lone returning starters.

"He hasn't changed a bit since he came here," says acting coach Moe Iba. "He came in with a mature basketball mind. He

"The new building really had a lot to do with me coming here. The first thing I thought of when I saw it was what it would be like filled."

— Mike Naderer

"I just wasn't ready for the cold," he says. "I had to buy a new wardrobe and everything. The wind really cut through me. It was just too cold for me and I wasn't ready for it."

Naderer started 16 of 28 games as a freshman, but suffered from pneumonia much of that winter. He started the season opener, quite a thrill for him, and flipped in a couple of hoops that contributed mightily to the victory over Missouri Southern.

For the season, he averaged 4.9 points a game, but came on strong again at the end with a 12-point outing against Utah State in a National Invitation Tournament game that Nebraska won 67-66.

wanted to play badly.

"Really, he's a very good guard. He does everything we ask of him. He has to take the big guard and that can be a guy who's 6-5 or 6-6. He really does a heckuva job."

Naderer knows there are times when being 6-0 is going to make him look bad when he's trying to hold down the other team's big guard.

"The way I look at it, it's a challenge," he says. "Every night I go out there, I know I'm going to be out-sized. You have to hope you can play smart and hope you can get weakside help from your teammates."

"I know there are times when it's going to

hurt me. I just have to fight tooth and nail as hard as I can."

Naderer never has had any difficulty giving basketball his best shot.

"That's one of the things I liked about him when I first saw him," says Cipriano. "He was a scrapper."

Naderer has been motivated by basketball from the start.

"I'm the first member of my family to go to college," he says. "And that was a big thing for me when I was in high school. I remember telling my Mom when I was a sophomore that I was going to try to win some kind of an athletic scholarship. At the time, I thought it might be baseball, but basketball won my heart."

For Mike, the youngest of five children, his introduction to basketball came through a physical education instructor. Ron Barr, also an Arcadia High graduate, began working with him in the fifth and sixth grades.

"That's when I first got into it," says Mike. "He thought I had some potential."

In those days, Naderer thought he might be a baseball player. But playing basketball on the outdoor courts in Arizona began pushing baseball further and further from his mind.

"We had access to the gym at the high school because of Ron," he says. "And I always got to play with guys who were older than me. That really helped."

"Baseball started taking a backseat. I really liked the constant involvement of basketball, all the running up and down. It wasn't like standing out in left field, waiting for somebody else to do something."

Naderer really began to think he could play the game during his freshman year in high school. That season he was a starter for the high school jayvee team, but was called up to the varsity during the final portion of the season.

"That's when I became aware that I had some potential," he says.

The result was more and more basketball. He took summer-school basketball courses throughout high school so he could play every morning from 7:30 to 9:30 in the gym.

"After that, I would go home for awhile and then go back for some more basketball in the afternoon," he says.

Naderer, of course, was a sensational high school player.

As a sophomore, he averaged 15 points and seven assists; as a junior, he logged 17 points and nine assists, and, as a senior, he averaged 22 points and 12 assists per game.

He was a member of the all-city team for three years and twice was an all-state

selection. As a senior, he was Scottsdale and Arizona Player of the Year. He also was picked as the Southwestern USA Guard of the Year for an area that included Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

His quest for basketball excellence also had quite a bit to do with choosing Nebraska when he could have stayed near home at Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

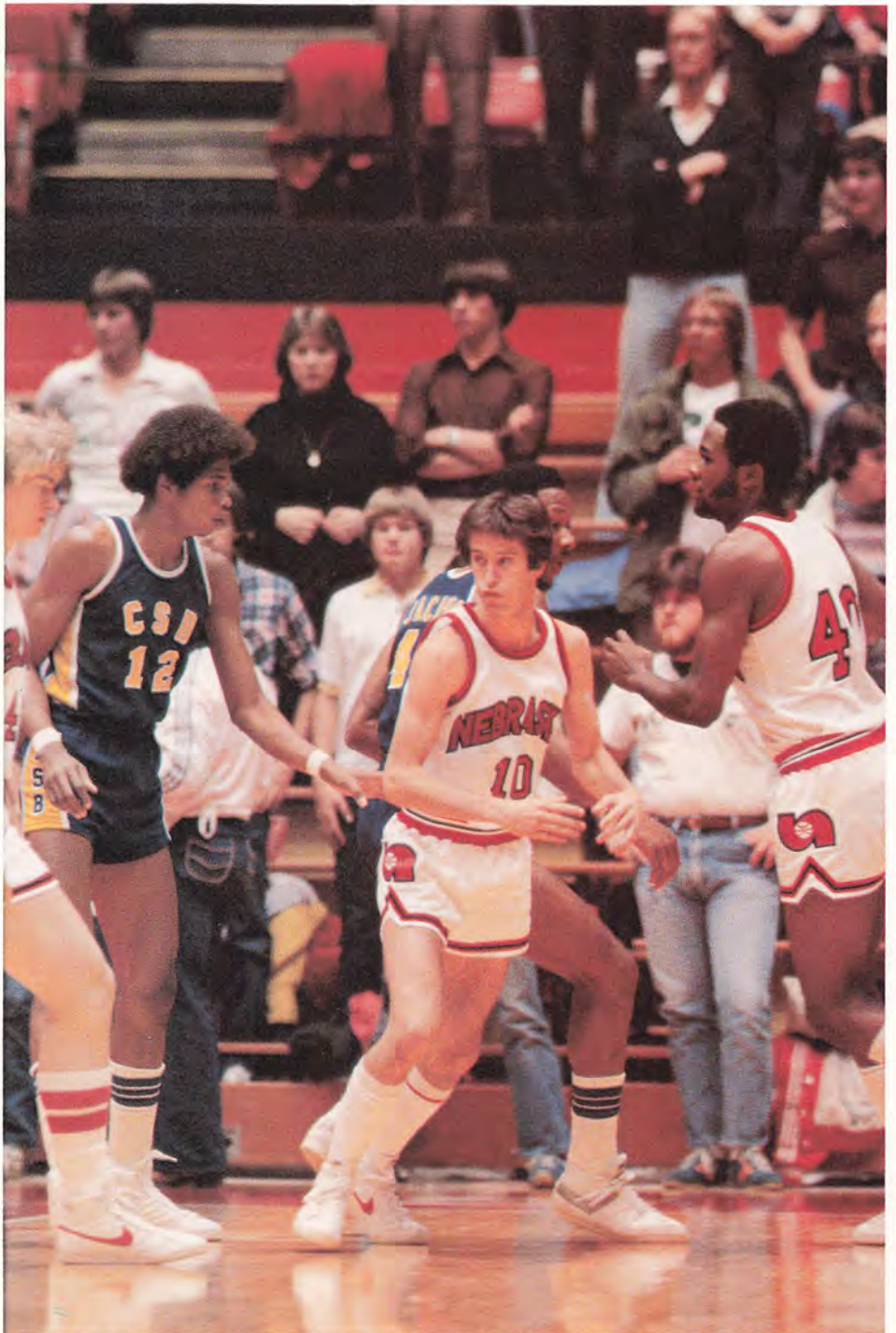
"I wanted to prove I could play at the highest level," he says. "I wanted to play at

the best level I could."

Mike certainly has not been a disappointment at Nebraska. He gets about as much out of his ability as anyone.

If he's had any difficulty, it has been learning to pull up and shoot instead of trying to muscle past the inside players by driving.

"That's strictly a decision play," he says. "It's easy to sit in the crowd and say someone should have done something else after



Like all good players, Mike Naderer stays busy when he doesn't have the ball, too. Here, he works to run a pattern against California-Bakersfield.

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Time for a breath and a swallow on the bench for Naderer while trying to follow the action on the floor.

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the fact. You don't have to make that split-second decision when you're sitting in the red seats.

"But I have the confidence to pull up and shoot rather than take it in against the big people. That should work to my benefit."

Defensively, Naderer is well-schooled. He's been one of Nebraska's best defenders from the start.

Naderer and Smith have been placed in leadership stances this winter, even though both are only juniors. And they seem to have performed well in those roles.

"Andre and I have been here the longest," says Mike. "Both of us have tried to hold the team together and help the younger guys as much as we can."

Certainly, the acceptance of that role has been pleasing to Iba.

"Mike gives leadership, but he gives it in a silent way," says Moe. "He gives it more by his actions than by his words. He's such a good kid. He never wants to hurt anybody's feelings. I know he's conscious of avoiding to seem pushy. He works hard in

practice and tries to show the younger kids the right way to do things."

By the way, how did Mike's parents enjoy their stay in Lincoln?

"They got in and got out before the first snow," says Mike. "That was the first chance they've had to get back here. They really seemed to enjoy themselves."

And Nebraska's victory over Creighton — Mike scored a career-high 16 points — topped off their stay perfectly. Not to mention that back in Scottsdale they could brag they hadn't slipped once on the ice. **N**

BIG RED GALLERY

Frozen for Eternity

This is the scene, stopped for all to peruse, in the East end zone of the Cotton Bowl with 12 seconds to play on January 1.

Peripheral to the play are Husker safety Russell Gary (9), left, and monsterman Mark LeRoy (23), right. Houston's Eric Herring (23) and Nebraska cornerback Ric Lindquist (15) are the principal players in the growing shadows of the Cotton Bowl.

Lindquist played Herring almost perfectly and had an arm in front of the football thrown by Terry Elston. But the ball deflected off Lindquist's hand or arm and into the waiting arms of Herring.

"I hit the ball, but I couldn't tell what happened after it hit me," said Lindquist. "I hit the ball and then ran into somebody."

And that's how Houston scored on fourth down from the six with no timeouts left.

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URSULA WALSH

Three All-Americans Make All Worthwhile

by Mike Babcock

Nebraska assistant athletic and sports information director Don Bryant broke the news gently. He appeared disappointed.

"Sorry about the academic (football) All-America selections," Bryant told NU athletic department academic counselor Dr. Ursula Walsh.

At least Cornhusker offensive guard Randy Schleusener had made the team, chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (COSIDA), Bryant said. Then he paused.

Oh, yes, center Kelly Saalfeld made the team, he offered, with a twinkle in his eye that meant "there's more."

Before Walsh could express the excitement she felt over having two Husker football players honored for scholarship as well as athletic ability, Bryant added, "And Rod Horn, he made the team, too."

Three first-team selections. "That's more than anybody has ever had because you can only nominate three players," Walsh said. She was ecstatic.

Six times Nebraska has placed two players on the academic All-America team in one season. The first were Don Fricke and Pat Clare, who made the team following the 1960 season.

In 1965 Jim Osberg and Tony Jeter were accorded first-team status; Jeff Kinney and Outland Trophy winner Larry Jacobson

doubled in 1971, a national championship season; Rik Bonness and Tom Heiser made it in 1975, and Vince Ferragamo and Ted Harvey, a two-time choice, were selected in 1976.

Last fall defenders Jim Pillen and George Andrews represented Nebraska's academic success.

But no one, not even Stanford, a school perennially represented by at least one and often two athletes, ever earned three positions. Yet there they were: Horn, Saalfeld and Schleusener, three linemen with excellent grade-point averages in natural resources, agriculture and pre-medicine, respectively.

And there might have been a fourth. "Tim Smith would have been one, too, if he'd have been nominated," Walsh says.

Actually, she thought he had been because she submitted his name along with those of the others. But the rules specify only three per team, so Bryant had been forced to narrow the list by submitting the highest grade-point averages.

Smith, Nebraska's talented split end and the leading pass catcher in the Big Eight Conference, was a three-time academic all-conference selection who hopes to coordinate law school with a career in professional football.

Academic success is important to the Nebraska football program, Walsh says. As soon as Bryant had told her the news,

he headed out to practice and proceeded to interrupt NU head coach Tom Osborne, who was in the process of trying to prepare his team for the Cotton Bowl.

"You don't interrupt practice around here for no reason," Walsh says.

But this was important, and "everybody got really excited and happy about it. Such emphasis comes from the top. Tom (Osborne) attracts that kind of player; he recruits those kids.

"Tom really believes a player performs about the same on the field as he does in the classroom. Even if an athlete is good, he could do a lot better if he strives to perform well in the classroom, too."

Success in the classroom by the young athletes who compete for Nebraska is Walsh's business, and she handles her responsibilities with the same attention to detail that has enabled the Cornhuskers to become and remain consistent winners, year-in and year-out.

She's an integral part of the team, as much a part of it as recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone, strength coach Boyd Epley, and the multitude of other administra-

Ursula Walsh visits with Frank Lockett, a wide receiver who completed his eligibility in 1978 but continues to work toward his degree. She claims total support from the coaching staff.

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tive, medical and maintenance staff people who contribute to Husker athletics.

When footballs are autographed by the Huskers, Walsh's signature goes alongside those of the coaches. She probably knows as much about the players and their personal problems as Osborne and the individual position coaches, yet she never had seen a Nebraska football game until eight years ago, at a time when her career goal was to become a statistics professor after finishing her PhD work at the university.

Walsh took over the athletic department counseling duties for the football team from Osborne at the start of the 1972 season. She took the initiative and made an informal application for the job after observing the Husker study table at Selleck Quadrangle.

"I was a grad student living in Selleck (a dormitory). I'd be eating in the cafeteria and would see the players sitting around and talking instead of studying, so I called him (Osborne) and told him I thought it could be improved," she says.

"Then I made a flow chart of how I would work with them, and he asked me if I'd like the job."

The next fall Osborne became head football coach and Walsh's office was moved from cramped quarters adjacent to an office shared by then freshman coaches Jim Ross and Bill Myles in the NU Coliseum. Her new office was on the second floor of the South (Memorial) Stadium. It's still there.

"It wasn't really a big job until I moved over here," Walsh says. It didn't become full-time until 1975, when she completed her doctorate in educational psychology — the same field in which Osborne earned his PhD.

"I'm a statistician, really," says Walsh, who taught a statistics seminar for dental college students during first semester.

She has masters' degrees in both math and physics, completed at the University of Minnesota on National Science Foundation grants, and an M.A. degree in counseling from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her undergraduate degree was granted by Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois.

Walsh has teaching experience in high school and elementary school as well as eight years in Nebraska's educational psychology department. "I just sort of fell into this job," says Walsh.

When Osborne was interviewed for the head coaching job at Colorado in December, 1978, Walsh struggled with the possibility of having to head for Boulder, too.

"That would have been a tough decision, but I wouldn't want to work for anyone else but Osborne," she says.

Walsh expects all of the seniors on last year's football team will complete their degrees, if they haven't already.

Such a rate of success is well above the average for NCAA member institutions and is in stark contrast to that of football players once stereotyped as basket weavers, who had to be awakened each morning and pointed in the direction of the stadium so they wouldn't miss practice.

Walsh keeps the Huskers on the road to graduation, not by falsifying transcripts or searching out professors willing to show favoritism to athletes, but by encouraging the student-athletes to be organized and goal-oriented.

She visits with each prospective recruit and discusses programs in which he is interested. "I ask them about their academic interests," says Walsh.

If Nebraska doesn't offer a program in which the athlete is interested, and if no program can be satisfactorily arranged given the university's resources, "it wouldn't be fair to recruit him, and he wouldn't be happy when he got here," she says.

Such situations, though rare, do occur, and Nebraska might find itself backing off a recruit. For instance, a student planning to study marine biology might not find the necessary course offerings in Lincoln. But "unlike some places, this is a pretty comprehensive university," Walsh says.

Freshman football players report in the fall four days before the varsity to make out schedules and learn how to budget their time.

"We try to give them some structure and set up eight-semester schedules, although sometimes their goals aren't clearly de-

fined and we just concentrate on the first two semesters," Walsh says.

"We have a study skills workshop to explain to them the chronology of what will happen regarding deadlines, scheduling and drop-and-add periods.

"We believe that if you get the freshmen started well, they'll be in good shape the rest of the way."

Support from the football coaching staff makes Walsh's 80-hours-per-week job easier. Players who refuse to buckle down on the books might find themselves running the stadium steps or extra laps after practice. Those who don't take their studies seriously often can be persuaded.

"I tell them, 'I'm gonna tell your position coach that you're not doing right,'" says Walsh. "I have the full and complete cooperation of the coaches, but I don't usually have to go to coach Osborne about problems.

"Like Mike Corgan (offensive backs) says to the players (who don't work), 'We'll have a little visit to the woodshed.' That usually takes care of it."

Walsh's academic assistance is not limited to the football team and it needn't end when the student's athletic eligibility is complete. Former players like Frank Lockett have returned to continue their studies while helping the football team as graduate assistants.

Don Westbrook, who now plays professional football for the New England Patriots, contacted Walsh to say he was coming back to finish his degree just after New England failed to qualify for the NFL's post-season playoffs.

"Practically anyone can finish his degree if he's willing to come back and work on it," she says.

In an effort to discover how well former student-athletes fare following graduation, Walsh has begun a study of Big Eight athletes in all sports during the 1974-75 season.

With cooperation from the other conference universities, she hopes to determine whether or not the schools are doing a good job, on a comparative basis.

Without the cooperation, she will focus on Nebraska and its athlete-graduates.

Walsh avoids simplistic approaches to

education. Her philosophy encompasses the student's entire development and she monitors the study table each evening, even though Osborne offered her an assistant who would take that responsibility out of her busy week.

"I want to be there so I can see who's restless or depressed . . . a lot of factors can affect the student's academic performance," Walsh says.

As a result of her personal attention and concern for the athlete's well-being, "players who come back always stop for a visit. We really get to be friends and I'm constantly getting wedding invitations and birth announcements."

Watching the students develop into well-rounded human beings is as rewarding as working complex problems in math or physics.

"You really see them grow up," she says. "They're big and all, but they're very young when they get here; sometimes their goals change on a day-to-day basis."

"Seeing them leave adolescence, becoming independent and establishing an identity all their own, getting their priorities straight . . . the academics are my job, but they've got to be integrated into the student's total development."

That's especially important for football players "who must learn to cope with failure and deal with the shallow adulation that's so readily theirs."

Walsh occasionally makes football road trips — this year she went to Missouri — but more often than not, she uses weekends on which there are no home games to catch up with her work.

The first Nebraska football game she ever saw didn't take place until 1972, and "I still haven't seen a clean block in a game . . . I have to wait for someone to point one out to me during a replay or film," says Walsh.

There are few people more popular than Ursula in Nebraska's athletic department. On the wall just inside the door to her office is an autographed, black-and-white photograph of a young basketball player wearing a Michigan State uniform.

"To Ursula, Best Wishes, Earvin Magic Johnson," the inscription reads.

"Dave Harshman (former NU assistant)



Rod Horn is a natural resources major who became an academic All-America this semester. Horn has a 3.296 grade-point average, while Randy Schleusener stands at 3.67 and Kelly Saalfeld at 3.60. Horn was an All-Big Eight performer on the field, too, as he shows Kansas' Greg Roach (74).

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gave that to me when he got to East Lansing," Walsh says.

It's a prized possession, especially valuable now that the Magic Man has become a rookie success with the Los Angeles Lakers.

But nothing could mean more to Walsh than learning that three of her students were chosen academic All-Americans.

The news was broken gently. It was a big day for Dr. Ursula Walsh, and it was worth the wait and all the 80-hour weeks. **N**

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Tim Smith closed out a brilliant career at Nebraska with 80 catches for 1,239 yards. Smith's one catch for 10 yards in the Cotton Bowl allowed him to become Nebraska's second all-time leading receiver behind Johnny Rodgers. Smith also finished his three-year varsity stint with 150 punts for 6,005 yards and a 40.0 average. Smith is one of three NU starting receivers — the others are tight end Junior Miller and wingback Kenny Brown — who will have to be replaced next season.

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FINAL FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Despite losing the final regular-season game at Oklahoma and the Cotton Bowl match against Houston, Nebraska won 10 games for the second time in the Tom Osborne regime. Osborne never has won less than nine games in his remarkable seven-year stint.

His overall record now stands at 65-18-2.

Statistically, the Cornhuskers also enjoyed another exceptional season. And three — Jarvis Redwine, Andra Franklin and Craig Johnson — of the top four rushers will return for the 1980 season as well as quarterback Jeff Quinn.

Here, counting the Cotton Bowl game, are the Huskers' 12-game statistics:

TEAM OFFENSE

Rushes attempted	756
Yards gained	4189
Yards lost	257
Net yards gained	3982
Avg. gain per rush	5.2
Touchdowns	37
Passes attempted	206
Passes completed	105
Passes intercepted	9
Percentage	.510
Total Yards	1408
Touchdowns	12
Passes caught	105
Total yards	1408
Avg. gain per catch	13.4
Touchdowns	12

TEAM DEFENSE

Rushes attempted	479
Yards gained	1671
Yards lost	441
Net yards gained	1230
Avg. gain per rush	2.6
Touchdowns	7
Passes attempted	266
Passes completed	120
Passes intercepted	17
Percentage	.451
Total yards	1475
Touchdowns	7

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Number	53
Yards	2092
Avg.	39.5
Longest	61

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INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
*Redwine	165	1100	6.7	9	
Hipp	128	685	5.4	4	
*Franklin	110	583	5.3	4	
*Johnson	96	544	5.7	6	
Passing	PA	PC	PI	Yds.	TD
*Quinn	110	57	5	702	5
Hager	91	46	4	680	6
Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Smith	31	487	15.7	1	
Miller	23	435	18.9	7	
Brown	15	164	10.9	1	

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Tackles	Solo	Assisted
*Baker	61	31
*Williams	54	36
Vering	45	38
Interceptions	No.	
LeRoy	4	
*Means	4	
Fumble Recoveries	No.	
Barnett	3	
LeRoy	3	

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NU-CREIGHTON BASKETBALL

D ecember rama

by Charlie Smith

Moe Iba was kidding around with a booster's group the week before the Nebraska-Creighton basketball game. "Really, now," said Moe, "this game isn't so big. It doesn't mean so much, probably just my job."

Iba may have overstated the case. But the fact is, the Nebraska-Creighton basketball game was the December sporting event in the state. The fans have clasped the event to their bosoms, witness the 13,461 who turned out for the December 8 confrontation in the Devaney

Sports Center.

NU coach Joe Cipriano, recuperating from November surgery, watched the first half from the end of the Cornhuskers' bench, then retreated to his car to listen to the final portion via radio.

Nebraska scored a 64-55 victory, which was considered an upset in some quarters.

But the outcome really didn't change the effect of the event. Fact is, the series has become a big item on the state's sports calendar.

And that, too, was predictable.

The two universities went 45 years without playing each other in basketball before the series was renewed in 1977.

Nebraska won the first one 65-58 in Lincoln before Creighton scored a 78-61 triumph in Omaha a year ago.

The schools now have a home-and-home contract that is expected to be renewed every two years.

"There's no reason to think the series is a temporary thing, just because it's a year-



Moe Iba makes a point during NU's 64-55 victory, a game which drew 13,461 into Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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to-year contract," says NU athletic director Bob Devaney. "We think it's really a good thing.

"The only thing that might be bad is if the rivalry became so intense it would have an effect on the relationship between Omaha and Lincoln that would work to the detriment of both schools. But that hasn't happened yet. There's no reason the rivalry can't be intense without a fight or a big argument or something like that."

Certainly, the fans have had no difficulty becoming involved.

Most everyone, though, felt the feelings generated for this year's contest were created in a positive atmosphere. And, certainly, the game was entertaining.

As Creighton coach Tom Apke said, "Even though we lost, this is tremendous for basketball in Nebraska. Neither team has had that much fan enthusiasm in any game this season. The crowd really got fired up when the Huskers came from behind early in the second half — and that's the kind of excitement that will carry over."

Tim West and Mike Naderer led the Huskers' second-half charge with 20 and 16 points, respectively.

There has been some sentiment for the series to be increased to two December games each year with one game in Lincoln and one in Omaha. And, at some future date, that plan might be implemented.

Certainly, such a plan should prove lucrative financially. Probably twice as lucrative as the one-game plan.

"We toyed with the idea of playing home and home each year when the series was renewed," says Devaney. "But for now, it looks like we'll continue with one game a year."

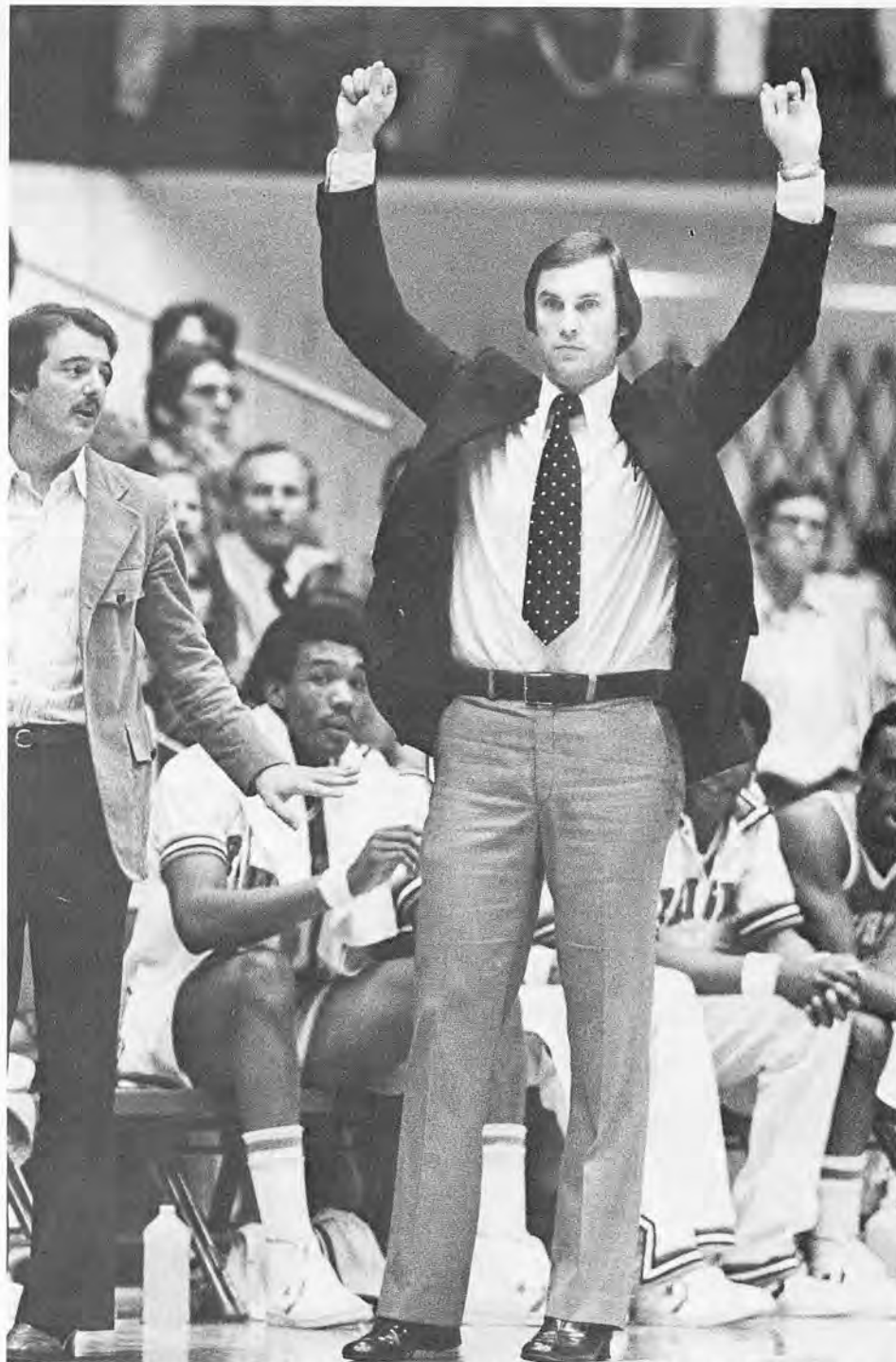
The two schools have not entered into a long-term agreement because that would reduce the scheduling flexibility of each. By renewing every two years, both can work in other attractive December dates as they arise.

"Setting up dates far in advance hurts scheduling," says Devaney.

And while the Nebraska-Creighton series is proving attractive to Nebraskans, others are finding the same to be true. Nearby rivalries seem to have built-in interest.

For instance, Colorado now is playing Colorado State, Iowa State and Iowa are meeting Drake and Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are playing Oklahoma City University, all on a more-or-less regular basis.

Much of the antagonism toward such series always has been based on recruiting pressures. Coaches long have reasoned they should not give lesser foes equal footing by scheduling games with those same foes. But that argument largely



Creighton coach Tom Apke calls signals from in front of his bench, later called the series "tremendous for basketball in Nebraska."

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has dissolved in recent years, primarily because of public acceptance of such games.

It doesn't make much sense to travel halfway across the country to play in a half-filled auditorium when teams 50 miles apart can perform in front of packed houses.

And, of course, there is the interest factor.

The Nebraska-Creighton series has done much to promote basketball in December in a state that long has thought of

little besides the upcoming football bowl date.

Hence, there are a lot of positive factors going for the Nebraska-Creighton series.

Looking back, of course, the game was just another December conflict. But for the fans, it at least was a special conflict.

As Iba noted, "It's hard not to overemphasize this game because of the way other people look at it."

By playing only one game, bragging rights have been settled at least until next December. **N**

HUSKER SCORECARD

Nebraska's basketball team will be sporting tans throughout the winter, thanks to a venture to Hawaii and the 16th annual Rainbow Classic in late December.

The Cornhuskers finished with a 1-2 record in the tournament and placed fourth out of eight teams. Other teams in the tournament were Hawaii, Wisconsin, Louisville, Army, Princeton, Nevada-Reno and Illinois. It was Nebraska's third trip to the Islands. Coach Joe Cipriano also took teams in 1967 and 1976.

The Huskers enjoyed a good start in Hawaii, upsetting Wisconsin 83-82 in overtime. This is the same Wisconsin team that won its last four games last season, including victories over Ohio State and Michigan State at Madison.

Jack Moore, a 5-9 sophomore guard, paced the Huskers with 22 points, six assists and three steals. Andre Smith added 17 points, 12 rebounds, nine assists, one blocked shot and two steals in a game that ended 75-75 in regulation time.

On December 28 Nebraska lost to Hawaii 67-55 in a semifinal game after trailing at the half 35-27. Smith led the way with 20 points and four rebounds. During the game, Nebraska lost 6-4 junior starting forward Tim West with a severely sprained ankle.

Nebraska also dropped the third-place game on December 29 to highly regarded Louisville 65-58 after trailing by only 32-30 at halftime. Smith and Moore again paced the Huskers; Smith tallied 16 points and had eight rebounds, six assists and one steal, while Moore added 20 points, four assists and two steals.

All-America guard Darrell Griffith paced Louisville with 17 points and six rebounds.

Illinois defeated host Hawaii in the championship game.

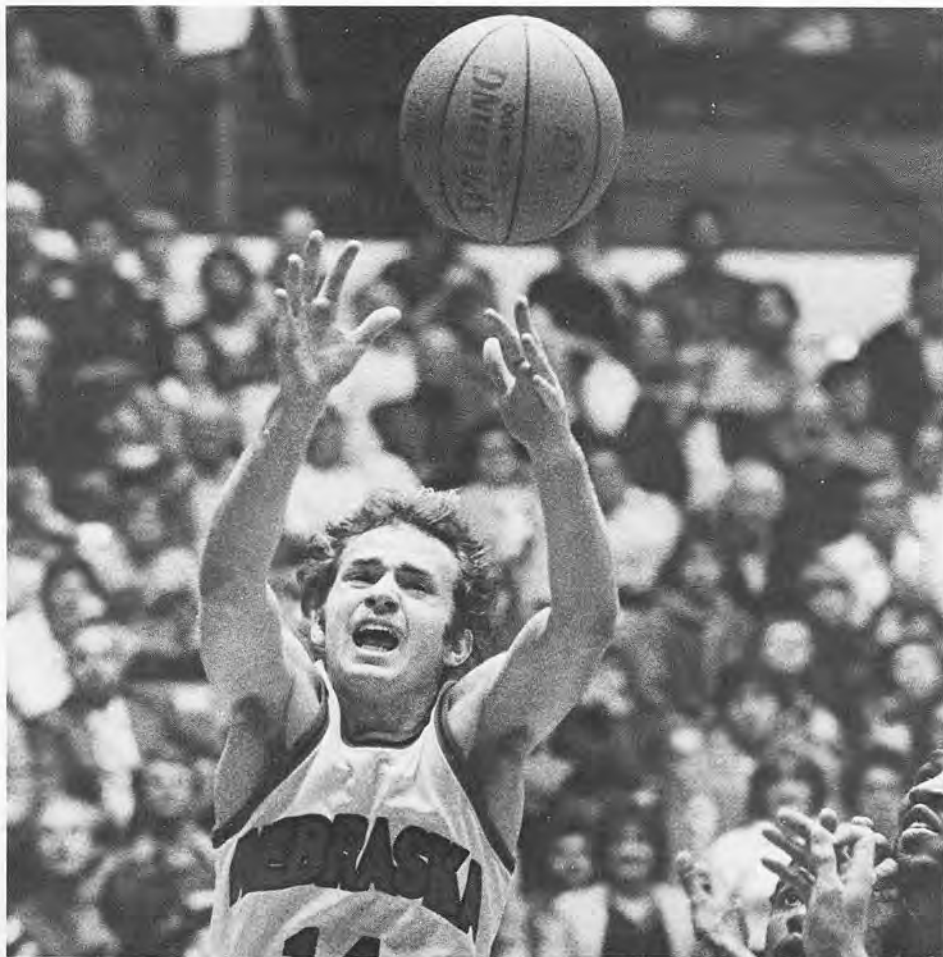
Smith made the all-tournament first team for his efforts in the four-day meet.

On the way home, Nebraska stopped in Moscow, Idaho, where Cipriano was head coach in 1960-63.

Idaho defeated Nebraska 64-55, but Smith piled up 25 points, 10 rebounds and two assists. Sophomore guard Ray Collins added 10 points.

The Huskers returned home for victories over Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Angelo State before starting the Big Eight Conference season.

— Bill Bennett



Jack Moore enjoyed an exceptional Rainbow Classic and scored 22 points in the victory over Wisconsin.

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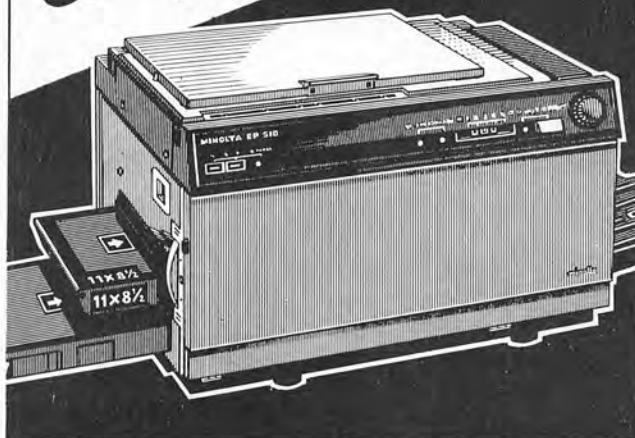
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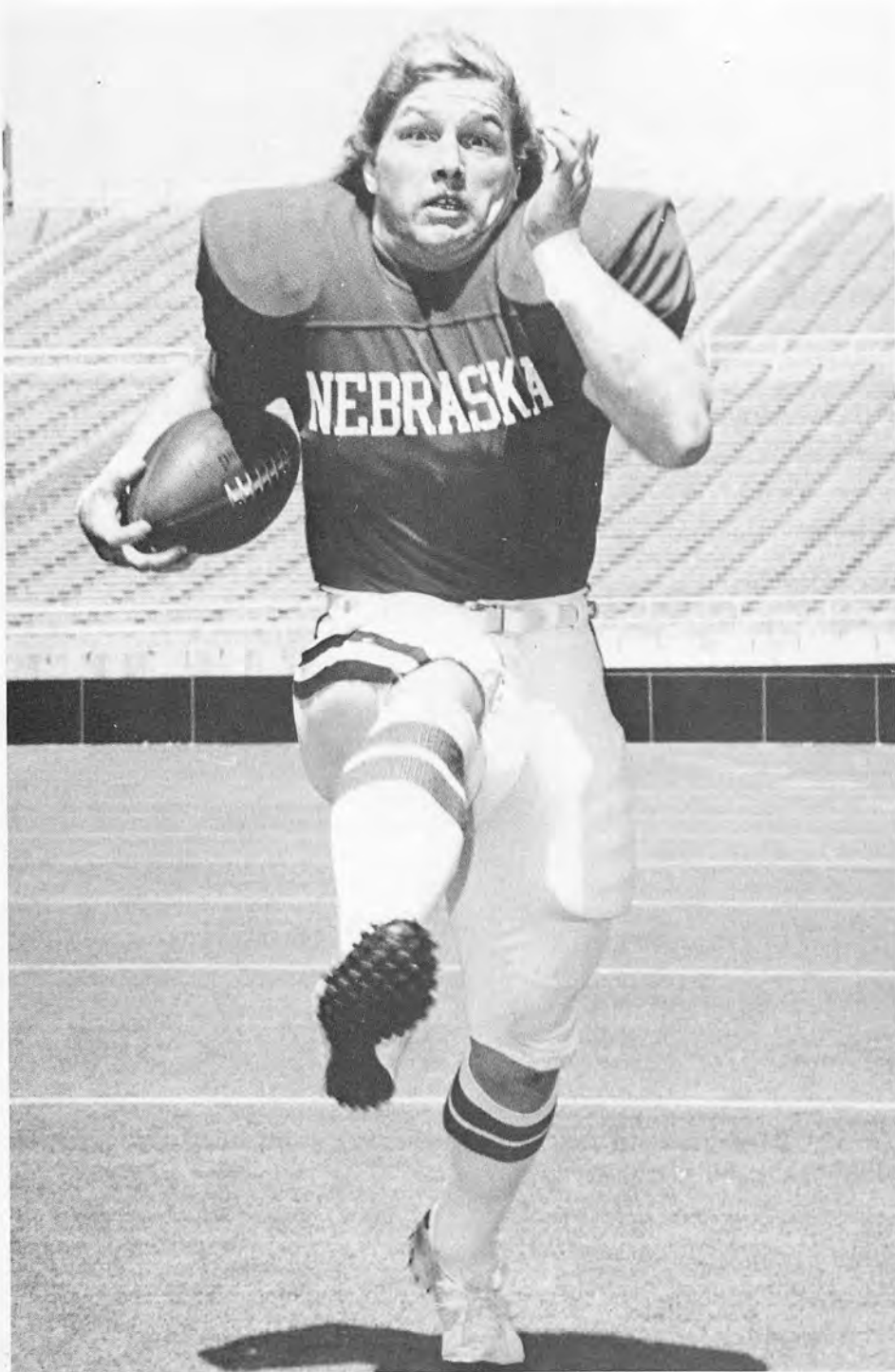
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1974 SUGAR BOWL

Huskers Reach Back, Find Tony

by Randy York



The man who was named Nebraska's Most Popular Football Player in the 1970s by the Lincoln Journal and Star remembers the closest he ever saw a Nebraska team pull together.

It was New Year's Eve, 1974, in the second half of the Sugar Bowl against Florida, a team that led the Huskers 10-0.

"We drew so close together — as close as I've ever seen a team," recalls Tony Davis. "You could tell it after the game, after we pulled it out. The coaches and players were hugging each other. Terry Luck and I cried on each other. I was just emotionally spent and it all hadn't soaked in yet."

Davis was less than his usual talkative self in the locker room after the 13-10 victory. He consumed five cokes in less than 10 minutes, showered and dressed hurriedly because, he says, "I thought I was going to vomit."

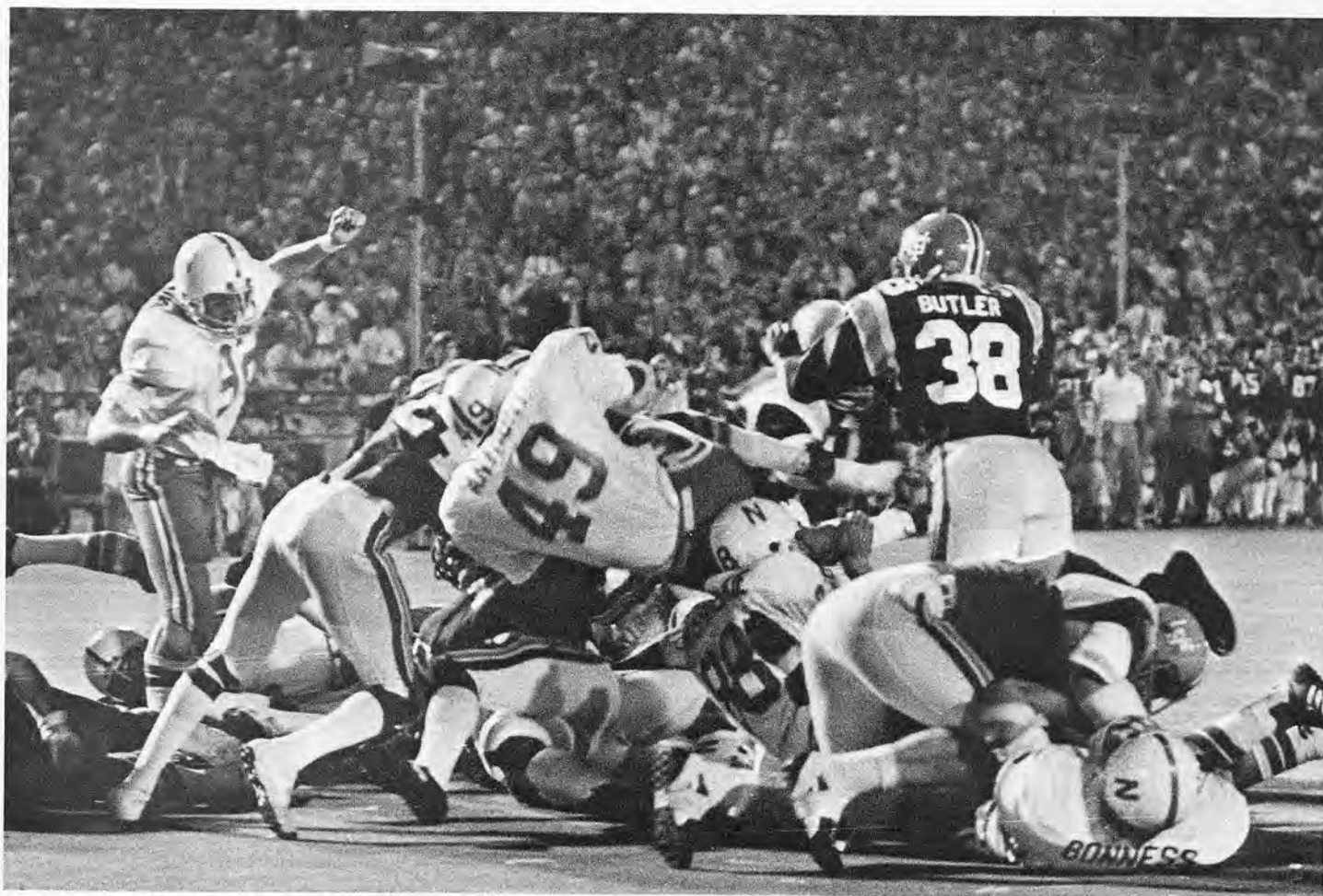
One of the guttiest performances Davis ever gave was one of the least chronicled the next morning. He rushed for 114 of his 126 yards in the second half. He was voted the Sugar Bowl's Most Valuable Player award one year after he received the same honor as a sophomore in the Cotton Bowl.

Trying to plow his way through a group of well-wishers after a television interview, Dave broke the football player statue off the top of his new trophy. Tony thinks there should have been 22 players atop that trophy.

"We pulled down together," he recalls. "We dug down as deep as we could and I want to stress 'we.' Most people on that football team had to work for almost everything they got. There were a lot of people just like me."

Davis spent three years with the Cincinnati Bengals before being traded to Tampa Bay this past fall.

Tony Davis was held to 12 yards on five carries in the first half, but he unloaded on Florida for 114 more in Nebraska's second-half comeback.



Monte Anthony (49) hurdles into the end zone on a two-yard dive, completing a 99-yard drive for the Huskers' lone touchdown.

"My motto has always been never to quit under any circumstances," says Tony. "It's a characteristic I had to have gotten from my parents."

Nebraska had to revamp its strategy in the second half of the Sugar Bowl when All-America quarterback Dave Humm suffered through his worst game ever in a Cornhusker uniform. Humm completed only 2 of 12 passes for 16 yards — and yielded four interceptions.

The Huskers needed a transfusion and Terry Luck, a popular, little-used junior, provided it. Just as Steve Runty had relieved Humm in the second half of the 1974 Cotton Bowl, Luck took over for Humm after Nebraska's first possession in the second half against Florida.

To refresh memories, Nebraska's defense put together a tremendous goal-line stand to prevent Florida from taking what likely would have been an insurmountable 17-0 lead. Luck entered the lineup and marched Nebraska 99 yards for its first and only touchdown. Monte Anthony scored from the two with 13:24 left in the game.

On the next two possessions, the Huskers moved close enough for a tying, then winning field goal by Mike Coyle.

"We decided to quit throwing the ball and run right at Florida," recalls Davis. "I'm

glad we did. I felt like ripping some holes right through 'em."

In the 99-yard drive, Davis gained 54 yards on seven carries.

He saved his most important run until near the end, though. Then he uncorked a 40-yard burst to Florida's 29-yard line. That set up Coyle's winning 39-yard field goal with 1:46 left.

"I still remember the play," says Davis of the 40-yard scamper. "It was a 19 take, fake 49 pitch play. My path was inside. The guard pulled like a sweep and the strongside linebacker went with him."

"I was tired at that point, really tired. Florida was tired, too. It became a case of who was going to reach down the deepest. I think the record shows we're the ones who reached down for that something extra."

Coyle recalls that he had kicked hundreds of pressure-packed field goals before.

"Every time I kicked in practice, I said to myself there were five seconds left, we were down by one and the crowd was roaring," recalls Mike. "I always tried to imagine the pressure, so that when the real thing came up, I was vicariously prepared for it."

"I waited all year for something like that to happen and prepared myself mentally for it to happen."

Coyle delivered a 37-yarder with 7:12 remaining to tie the game.

As for the game-winner, Coyle remembers it "was drifting right, but it came back in — thanks to that famous Coyle hook, the one that's let me down so much before. That had to be the biggest kick of my life."

Luck, the third Nebraska hero, remembers that he almost passed up his senior year after the Sugar Bowl victory.

"I was so down emotionally that I decided I might just as well go ahead and graduate," he says. "But the coaches had given me a scholarship and I hadn't given anything in return. That's when I decided I should stick it out and help any way I could."

The victory was Nebraska's sixth straight in post-season action, which matched the national record set by Georgia Tech (1952-57). Those two schools still share the record.

The '74 Sugar Bowl forever will be remembered with fondness by the trio — Tony Davis, Mike Coyle and Terry Luck — that fortune smiled upon that party-going evening.

Winter Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

November

- 24 — NU 113, Windsor, Ont. 69.
30 — NU 100, South Dakota St. 83.

December

- 1 — NU 74, Portland St. 52.
3 — NU 82, Eastern Washington 68.
8 — NU 64, Creighton 55.
11 — Purdue 78, NU 56.
13 — NU 94, Cal-Bakersfield 80.
15 — Minnesota 75, NU 58.
22 — NU 92, Alabama-Birmingham 84 (4 OTs).
27-30 — at Hawaii Classic (NU 83, Wisconsin 82, OT; Hawaii 67, NU 55; Louisville 65, NU 58).

January

- 2 — Idaho 64, NU 55.
4 — NU 96, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 72.
5 — NU 83, Angelo St. 70.
9 — at Iowa State
12 — Missouri
16 — Kansas
19 — at Colorado
23 — Oklahoma State
26 — at Kansas State
30 — Oklahoma

February

- 2 — at Missouri
5 — at Kansas
9 — Iowa State
13 — at Oklahoma State
16 — Colorado
20 — Kansas State
23 — at Oklahoma
26 — Big Eight Post-Season Tournament (First round).

GYMNASTICS

November

- 2-3 — at Big Eight Invitational (2nd).
16-17 — at Windy City Invitational (2nd).
23-24 — at Midwest Open (no team score).

December

- 7-8 — at World Games (no team score).

January

- 19 — Colorado
26 — Oklahoma/Iowa State

February

- 9 — at Kansas
16 — at Oklahoma
24 — at Southern Illinois

March

- 2 — at LSU
7-8 — at Big Eight (Iowa St.)
22-23 — at NCAA Midwest Regional (Iowa St.)

April

- 3-5 — NCAA in Lincoln

SWIMMING

November

- 16-17 — at Iowa St. Invitational (No team score).
30-Dec. 1 — Big Eight Relays (3rd out of 6).

December

- 8 — NU 63, Colorado St. 50; NU 64, Colorado 49.
14-16 — Nebraska Christmas Classic (no team score).

January

- 12 — at Minnesota
18-19 — Mid-Winter Invitational
25 — at Kansas
26 — at Missouri
29 — at Southwest Minnesota St.

February

- 1 — Northern Iowa
2 — Iowa State
8 — at TCU
9 — at Oklahoma

March

- 6-8 — Big Eight championships
27-29 — at NCAA championships (Boston)

April

- 10-12 — at AAU national championships (Austin)

WRESTLING

November

- 9-10 — Great Plains-AAU (No team score)
17 — at Bison Open (Fargo) (No team score; 3 1sts)
23-24 — at Oklahoma Open (No team score)
30 — NU 32, St. Cloud St. 7; NU 25, Central Missouri 10.

December

- 7-8 — at Iowa St. Invitational (no team score).
8 — Iowa St. 32, NU 6.
15 — NU 49, Central Indiana 0; NU 39, Indiana 6.
21-22 — at Northern Illinois Inv. — NU 22, Ohio 16; NU 28, Minnesota 9; Kent St. 26, NU 10; NU 29, Northern Illinois 12.

January

- 12 — Colorado St./NW Missouri/Northern Illinois
19 — Oklahoma St.
23 — at Nebraska-Omaha
27 — Missouri
30 — at Drake

February

- 2 — Oklahoma/Kearney St.
8 — Colorado
9 — at South Dakota St./Northern Colorado
16 — at Maryland/West Virginia
17 — at Navy/William & Mary/East Carolina
21 — at Brigham Young
22 — at Utah
23 — at Utah St.
29-March 1 — at Big Eight (Oklahoma)

March

- 13-15 — at NCAA (Corvallis)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November

- 16-17 — Nebraska Invitational — NU 81, Hastings 43; NU 83, Weber St. 68; NU 84, Midland Lutheran 54
21 — Tennessee (Chattanooga) 79, NU 64.
22-24 — Tennessee Tech 77, NU 68; Valdosta (Ga.) St. 82, NU 72.
29-Dec. 1 — at Cal-Berkeley Tournament — NU 71, Arizona St. 69. Long Beach St. 67, NU 54. New Mexico 74, NU 56.

December

- 4 — Kansas St. 90, NU 75.
8 — NU 66, Colorado 62.

- 12 — NU 88, South Dakota 59.
14 — NU 77, Nebraska-Omaha 59.
15 — NU 68, Oklahoma 44.
22 — NU 67, Iowa 66.
29 — NU 82, Manitoba 33.

January

- 2 — Queens 64, NU 63.
3 — NU 73, St. John's 68.
4 — NU 65, Fairleigh Dickinson 56.
7 — at Tennessee
8 — at Tennessee Tech
11 — at Louisiana Tech
17-19 — at Big Eight (Missouri)
23 — NW Missouri St.
26 — at Iowa St.
30 — Nebraska-Omaha

February

- 2 — Oklahoma St.
6 — at Missouri
15 — Central Missouri St.
19 — South Dakota
21 — at NW Missouri St.
22 — at Kansas
28-March 1 — AIAW Region 6 (first round)

March

- 6-8 — AIAW Region 6

SWIMMING

November

- 16 — NU 83, Missouri 43.
28 — Florida St. 82, NU 56.
30-Dec. 1 — Husker Invitational (3rd out of 8 teams).

December

- 7 — NU 76, Colorado 54.
8 — Colorado St. 66, NU 65.
14-16 — Christmas Classic (AAU)

January

- 18 — at Wisconsin/Michigan
19 — at Iowa
25 — at Kansas

February

- 2 — Iowa St.
8 — at TCU
9 — at Oklahoma
21-23 — Big Eight

GYMNASTICS

November

- 16 — at Iowa Invitational — 1st out of 8 teams.

December

- 15 — NU 134.85, Iowa 124.65.

January

- 11 — at Utah St./Boise St.
12 — at Brigham Young
19 — Missouri
26 — at Windy City Invitational (Chicago)

February

- 2 — SW Missouri St./Minnesota
8 — at Kansas
15-16 — at Big Eight (Oklahoma St.)
23 — at Colorado/Denver/Colorado St./Kansas

March

- 2 — at LSU
9 — at Oklahoma St.
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April

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